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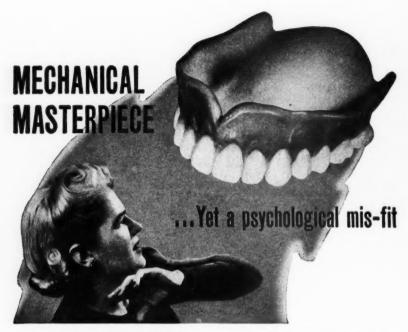
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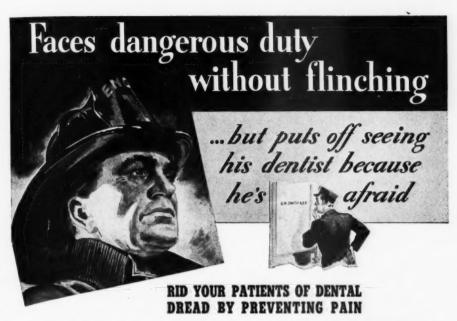
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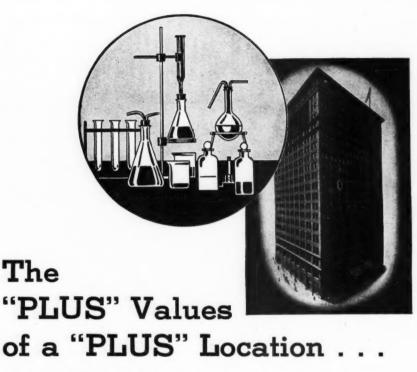
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THE CALENDAR

- January 16th: Chicago Dental Assistants' Association: 18th Annual Birthday Party. Electric Club in the Civic Opera Building. Dinner, 6:30 p.m., \$1.25 per plate. Judge Jacob Braude, speaker. "Employers' Night." All dentistemployers are invited to attend.
- January 16th: Northwest Square Table: Regular weekly luncheon meeting. Irving Park Y.M.C.A., 4259 Irving Park Road. 12:00 m.
- January 18th: North Side Branch: Ladies' Night. For reservations, call Dr. Paul Edmand, Randolph 0873, or Dr. Sidney Pollack, Franklin 7650. Edgewater Beach Hotel. Dancing and floor show. Tickets, \$2.00 per person.
- January 20th: Chicago Dental Assistants' Association: Tour of Northwestern University
 Dental School and Museum. Dr. Robert Schumaker, conductor. All
 who are interested are asked to meet in the lobby at 311 East Chicago
 Avenue at 7:30 p.m.
- January 21st: West Suburban Round Table: Regular weekly luncheon meeting. Oak Manor Hotel, 213 North Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park. 12:00 m.
- January 21st: West Side Dental Forum: Regular weekly luncheon meeting. Sound slide picture on "Neil Upper Impression Technic." Solick's Restaurant, 4207 West Madison Street.
- January 21st: Chicago Dental Society: Regular monthly meeting. Dr. Alfred W. Simonson, of Minneapolis, speaker, "Immediate Dentures." Motion pictures and clinics. Dinner, 6:30 p.m., upper level, Boulevard Room; meeting, 8:00 p.m., lower level, Boulevard Room; clinics, 9:30 p.m., upper level, Boulevard Room, Stevens Hotel.
- January 22nd: Chicago Dental Society Study Club: One-day class conducted by Dr. Alfred W. Simonson, of Minneapolis, on "Immediate Dentures." Hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuition, \$10.00. Application may be made at the Study Club Headquarters, Room 1420, 30 North Michigan Avenue, Dearborn 2250.
- January 31st: Society of Illinois Bacteriologists: Winter Meeting. Board of Trade Building, 141 West Jackson Boulevard. Speakers: Drs. H. W. Cromwell, of Abbott Laboratories, Carl A. Dragstedt and Wayne W. Fox, of Northwestern University, and J. C. Garey, of the University of Illinois. Reservations for dinner should be made with Dr. H. Close Heseltine, 5848 Drexel Avenue.
- February 4th: Kenwood-Hyde Park Branch: Regular monthly meeting. Dr. N. C. Gilbert, professor of Internal Medicine at Northwestern University, speaker, "Physiology and Pathology of the Heart." Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 8:00 p.m. Del Prado Hotel.
- February 4th: Kenilworth-Winnetka-Glencoe Study Club: Regular monthly meeting. Indian Trail Tea Room. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; business meeting, 7:00 p.m. Program to be announced later.
- February 15th: Congress on Dental Education and Licensure: Luncheon, South Ball Room, Stevens Hotel. Reservations may be made with Dr. Harlan H. Horner, Secretary of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, 212 East Superior Street.

Announcements for this department are solicited but must be received at the Editorial Office not later than the eighth and twenty-third of each month.

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How Chicago's WPA Dental Health Project Operates to Bring Care to School Children

More than 50,000 dental examinations have been made and 42 dental clinics have been established in the schools since Chicago's WPA Dental Health Project was initiated last June. This information was contained in an announcement issued by Dr. Carl Greenwald, Chief of the Dental Hygiene Unit of the Chicago Health Department, who is in charge of the dental aspect of the project.

"Since the program has been in operation," said Dr. Greenwald, "over 50,000 children have been examined and referred to the family dentist. The schools which provided the children for examination were located throughout the city. At the present time there are twelve examining teams, consisting of two dentists and ample clerks for the necessary clerical work.

"Twenty-two new dental clinics were opened during December. Each clinic consists of a child's dental chair, a dental unit, a cabinet and the necessary supplies and instruments to perform preventive dentistry for children. These clinics, which now total 42, are located in the underprivileged neighborhoods of the city."

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The WPA Dental Health Project was first announced last January when it was stated that the Chicago Board of Education had agreed to provide funds necessary to sponsor a project under the WPA. At that time Charles E. Miner, Administrator of the Works Projects Administration in Illinois, stated that the "WPA project was encouraged by the Chicago Board of Health and the Chicago Dental Society. Equipment valued at \$200,000 will be provided by the Board of Education as part of the sponsor's share in the project. The total cost of operating the city-wide project for one year will be \$1,563,997. Of this sum, \$464,498 will be provided by the sponsor. The remainder will be from federal funds allocated for the purpose."

Last June federal funds were made available for the project and an Advisory Committee, with Dr. Charles W. Freeman as chairman, was appointed. Later Dr. Harold W. Oppice was appointed chairman of the Personnel Committee and succeeded by Dr. Robert W. McNulty in that capacity. Dr. Greenwald, who was appointed by Mayor Edward J. Kelly to supervise the dentists engaged on the program, was named with A. H. Pritzlaff, Director of the Division of Physical and Health Education of the Board of Education, to supervise the project.

In a recent conference between Dr. Greenwald and officials of the Chicago Dental Society, Dr. Greenwald stated that of the total number of dentists certified to him for employment by the Personnel Committee, fifty were now on the

WPA payroll and assigned to duty. At the present time they are engaged in examining teeth of school children and have been so engaged for a period of about one month, starting early in November. The salary of these dentists is \$162.00 per month for a five day week and a six hour day.

Dr. Greenwald further stated that all dentists certified to him with an A rating by the Personnel Committee were now employed and that some with a B rating were also employed. At that time Dr. Greenwald also said that 22 new school clinics would be opened in December and that operative work would then begin. The operators were to be taken from among the fifty dentists who had been doing examination work and the examiners corps would be returned to full strength with the employment of 22 additional dentists. It was also anticipated, according to Dr. Greenwald, that additional units would be completed shortly after the first of the year and that a full

staff of dentists would then be at work.

PURPOSE

In making his statement, Dr. Green-wald said that the project has been initiated because "for a long time it has been recognized that the general status of dental health in a community as large as the city of Chicago has been below the level which the dental profession would consider as optimum in accordance with recent trends in preventive dentistry. This condition is neither the fault of the individual dentist nor of the dental profession but has long been recognized by both as an existing fact."

In view of this fact the WPA program was adapted to meet two purposes on behalf of (1) the profession as a whole and (2) the science of dentistry.

"For the profession," said Dr. Greenwald, "the purpose is to present exact information on the status of existing dental ills and to educate the children in dental health and needs. This, in turn, achieves, two other ends. First, it will instill in growing children the necessity for the proper care of the oral cavity which involves periodic visits to the dentist. The child patient of today will be the forerunner of the interested and cooperative patient of the future. Secondly, the program will provide preventive dentistry for the patient who, because of financial circumstances, cannot visit a private dentist. This is done until such a time when the parent is financially able to care for the child. By this procedure such a child will attain an appreciation for professional dental



Figure 1. Individual examination chart.

care and, though attained by public means at first, will be part of his hygiene and health program of the future.

"For the science of dentistry, the purpose of the program is to investigate existing dental conditions on a massive scale and carefully evaluate all of these conditions. Some of the more obvious findings would throw light on the following matters:

"What is the incidence of caries

in a group comprising some 750,ooo children?

"What is the incidence of caries on specific teeth and specific tooth surfaces? Would such information throw some light on the etiology of dental caries?

"What is the incidence and distribution of caries in specific racial, national and social groups?

"What is the incidence of malocclusions and how is it related to caries incidence?

"What is the relation of caries distribution in the schools to the total population of the entire city? Does this figure indicate necessity for limitations or increase in the number of dentists? Such information may be of the greatest importance to dental educators.

"On the basis of the examinations, what is the distribution of failing restorations? Can this be

CODE FOR EXAMINATION CHART

P or D -Permanent or deciduous tooth-always in the left column of blocked area. O - In left column-no tooth present because deciduous tooth is lost and permanent tooth as yet unerupted.

LEFT COLUMN

- 3-Tooth shows free of pathosis
- 4-Tooth shows active caries
- 5-Tooth contains a filling or fillings
- 6-Hypoplasia present
- -Tooth shows arrested caries
- 8—Tooth is non-vital
- 9-Tooth Marked for extraction
- o-Tooth not present in space

RIGHT COLUMN

- V-Crown destroyed
 - Roots remain
- X-Occlusal caries
- o-Lingual caries
- 1-Buccal caries
- 2-Mesial caries
- 3-Distal caries
- 4-Full crown restored
- 5—Occlusal filling
- -Lingual filling
- 7-Buccal filling
- 8-Mesial filling
- 9-Distal filling

SUMMARY:

- Column 1. Number of deciduous teeth (Total of D's)
 - 2. Number of deciduous teeth c caries (Total of D4's
 - 3. Number of deciduous teeth surfaces affected by caries Total of

D	X	_	
	o	2	
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- 4. Number of deciduous teeth filled—Total of D5
- 5. Number of deciduous teeth surfaces filled Total of

D	5
	6
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- 6. Number of permanent teeth in mouth
- 7. Number of permanent teeth c caries
- 8. Number of permanent teeth surfaces affected by caries
- 9. Number of permanent teeth filled
- 10. Number of permanent surfaces filled
- 11. Number of permanent teeth unerupted Total of o's in left column
- 12. Number of teeth to be extracted Total of 9's in left-hand column
- 13. Total number of teeth in mouth-D's and P's
- 14. Total number of teeth decayed, missing and filled Total of 4's, o's and 5's in left-hand columns

attributed to poor dentistry or to rampant destruction beyond control of the dentist?

"How significant are the extremes as compared to mean values? Is a significant average regarding age range possible from the standpoint of the physical findings?

"What is the distribution and incidence of enamel hypoplasias, gingivitis, premature extractions, poor oral hygiene, etc., and how are these interrelated?

"These are but a few of the questions that will be answered in part by the facts that will be revealed from the examinations on such a large scale. The in both the deciduous and permanent dentition; (b) the number of carious lesions, of fillings to be replaced, and the specific tooth and surface on which caries occurs; (c) the number of fillings present with the teeth and surfaces involved in the restoration; (d) the status of the occlusion; (e) hypoplasias; (f) gingivitis, mouth habits, etc.

"The information thus obtained will be noted on an individual examination chart, a copy of which is reproduced as Figure 1. This will be filled out in accordance with a code which is shown as Figure 2. The code is used to minimize clinical errors and to expedite the transfer of this information to a master chart.

"Following the examination the child

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Department dentist today and dental defects were found.

Defective teeth not only are bad in themselves, but may be injurious to the child's general health.

We suggest for your child's health that you see your dentist at once and have these dental defects corrected. After dental defects have been corrected by your dentist, have him sign attached stub and return it to your child's teacher.

CARL GREENWALD, D. D. S. Chief, Dental Hygiene Unit.

HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.
President, Board of Health.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
Geptlemen: I have completed all necessary
dental work for Child's Name
Dentist
School Rm. No. Date

Figure 3. Card given to school child after examination and calling parent's attention to presence of dental defects.

treatment program will present other significant and interesting material which will be of direct importance to our knowledge of dentistry."

OPERATION OF PROGRAM

In discussing how the program would operate Dr. Greenwald said that "it is our purpose to make this program as simple as possible. The major part will be devoted to an examination of the dental status of every school child in the city of Chicago.

"When completed the examination will reveal the following facts: (a) the specific teeth that are present and absent is given a card (Figure 3) which is addressed to the parents or guardian. This card advises the parent that dental defects have been found and urges the parent to take the child to the family dentist. If the parent or guardian falls within any one of the following groups, the parent may secure dental care for the child at one of the school clinics: (1) family on relief; (2) family registered with the Council of Social Agencies; (3) no source of family income or a family in which the per capita income is less than \$6.00 per week.

"The thild who receives care from the family dentist must have his dentist sign the detached perforated section of the notification card indicating that the necessary work has been completed. When the dentist has completed treatment and, in his judgment, the child's teeth and oral tissues are in a healthy state, he will recommend that the child be given a dental certificate (Figure 4) which will attest the child's interest in the care and treatment of the oral cavity. This certificate will be awarded in a manner similar to the awarding of a diploma or certificate for excellence in study.

CLINIC TREATMENT

"For those children who are to receive treatment in the clinics, careful treatment charts and records will be kept. purposes of this program," stated Dr. Greenwald, "the outlook must be most encouraging. The private practitioner should note an increase in practice volume and will be dealing with a more cooperative type of patient. From a public health viewpoint many serious ailments will be reduced. The desire of the patient for dental treatment in the future should be intelligent and founded on a basis which is conducive to the maintenance of good oral hygiene and its relation to bodily ills.

COOPERATION

"This, of course, involves interest on the part of the profession. It is hoped



Figure 4. Certificate awarded to school child after completion of dental treatment.

The treatment will be limited to: (1) silver amalgam fillings: (2) cement fillings if the tooth is to be retained for less than six months; (3) silicate cements for anterior teeth; (4) emergency treatment for the control of pain; (5) pulp cappings where they are indicated in permanent and deciduous teeth; (6) extractions, when of a simple type and indicated by conservative treatment; (7) prophylaxis and treatment of gingivitis and Vincent's infection.

"With the proper fulfillment of the

that all dentists will cooperate fully in completing all necessary dental treatment and recommend the child for a dental health certificate only on the completion of treatment. It is an injustice to the child to sign such a statement before the actual treatment is undertaken and completed.

"It is suggested that the individual dentist can do much to aid the program by conveying to the parents and to the children a knowledge of the benefits that will accrue from the program."

SOCIETY AFFAIRS

Plans Nearing Completion for Midwinter Meeting to Be Held on February 17-20

Final preparations are now under way for the 77th annual Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society which will be held at the Stevens Hotel on February 17-20. The section program is completed and presents a list of essayists that will equal that of any previous meeting. Exhibit space is practically exhausted and visitors will be assured of a wealth of exhibits in three different categories.

LIMITED CLINICS

Because of their popularity in the past two years the program of Limited Attendance Clinics has been greatly expanded. These clinics will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and, at the same time, a program of General Clinics will be held in the Grand Ball Room. This is a departure from previous years when only two sessions of General Clinics were held. The change was made so that ample clinic facilities would be available to Midwinter Meeting guests.

A list of Limited Attendance Clinics was published in THE FORTNIGHTLY RE-VIEW of January 2. This can be consulted in arranging for the enrollment which is necessary to insure a reservation. No formal application blank must be filled out. Simply mail a note to the Chicago Dental Society specifying the clinics desired. Please give as many selections as possible and indicate clearly on what day attendance is desired. This is essential because most clinics will be given more than once and attendance at each is limited. A fee of \$1.00 for each clinic must accompany the application. Enrollments will be issued in the order in which applications are received.

Reservations should also be made at this time for the Dinner Dance which will be held on Wednesday night of the meeting in the Grand Ball Room. The charge per person, which includes dinner, dancing and entertainment, is three dollars. Reservations should be made for full tables of either four or eight and payment must accompany the reservation. Music for dancing will be supplied by the Jack Russell orchestra which is now playing in the Marine Dining Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

FROLICS

Another innovation will be made in the staging of the annual Frolics which is held for the fund of the Commission for the Aid of Needy Dentists. In past years a single performance has been held and because of the Frolics' popularity it was often impossible to obtain satisfactory seats. This year two identical performances will be held on one evening, Tuesday, February 18, and all seats for both performances will be reserved. The Frolics will be presented in the Eighth Street Theatre which is directly connected with the Stevens Hotel.

The first performance will be given promptly at 7:15 p.m. with the second following at 9:30 p.m. Prices of reserved seats are: \$1.50 for the first ten rows and some boxes on the main floor; \$1.25 for second ten rows on the main floor; \$1.00 for balance of main floor seats and additional boxes; \$1.00 for first two rows and some boxes on the balcony; 75c for balance of balcony seats and boxes. Reservations should be made at once to the Frolics Committee, Chicago Dental Society, 30 North Michigan Avenue.

The annual Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Monday noon, February 17, in the Boulevard Room. Reservations will be limited to the capacity of the Boulevard Room. Tickets, at \$1.50 per person, may be obtained from the Chicago Dental Society previous to the opening of the meeting.

January Monthly Meeting to Be Held on Next Tuesday at the Stevens Hotel

Dean Gordon J. Laing of the University of Chicago Will Be Speaker at Dinner Meeting

The regular January Monthly Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society will be held on next Tuesday night, January 21, at the Stevens Hotel with Dr. Alfred W. Simonson, of Minneapolis, as guest essayist. The dinner speaker will be Dean Gordon J. Laing, formerly dean of the Department of Humanities of the University of Chicago and recently appointed Alumni Dean of the same institution.

CLINICS

In addition to the essayist, who will read a paper on Experiences with Denture Patients and Advantages of Immediate Dentures, there will be a number of clinics by Society members according to the announcement of Dr. James W. Ford, chairman of the Monthly Meeting Program Committee. These clinics will be presented immediately after Dr. Simonson's lecture in the upper level of the Boulevard Room. It is anticipated that the clinic program will start at

about 9:30 p.m.

The clinicians and their subjects follow: Dr. Fred W. Ahlers, Impressions for Immediate Dentures; Dr. Emil L. Aison, Surgical Treatment of Oral Tissues for Immediate Reception of Dentures; Dr. Harry E. Denen, Immediate Dentures; Dr. Gail M. Hambleton, Articulation of a New Mechanical Table Posterior Tooth; Dr. LeRoy E. Kurth, Centric Relation and Occlusion in Full Denture Construction; Dr. James H. Pearce, Some Phases of Immediate Denture Work; Dr. Paul C. Salisbury, Surgical Preparation of the Mouth for the Reception of Complete Dentures; Dr. Louis W. Schultz, Difficult Diagnoses for the General Dental and Medical Practitioner; Dr. John F. Svoboda, Surgery for Denture Construction.

The monthly meeting dinner session will be held in the upper level of the

Boulevard Room at 6:30 p.m. at \$1.50 per plate. Dr. Guy M. Smith, chairman of the Dinner Committee, has announced that Dean Laing will be the guest speaker. Dean Laing, who is a former director of the University of Chicago Press, is noted for his wit and penetrating discussions on the topics of the day. His topic at the dinner meeting will be: The Education of an Alumni Dean.

ESSAYIST

While Dr. Simonson will confine his lecture largely to information on immediate denture construction, he will also show a motion picture film on surgical preparation for artificial dentures. He will also give a clinic in which he will demonstrate the technic described in his paper.

Dr. Simonson will emphasize the esthetic advantages of the immediate denture showing that distortion of facial features can be avoided with a properly constructed immediate restoration. In addition he will discuss the problems involved in immediate denture construction and give his technic for impression taking, trimming the casts, and setting of teeth.

The lecture given by Dr. Simonson at the Monthly Meeting will serve as a practical review for the one-day intensive course he will give on the following day at the Study Club of the Chicago Dental Society. All day Wednesday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., will be devoted to Dr. Simonson's discussions. Tuition for the course is ten dollars and application for a place in this special class should be made at once to the Study Club office, Dearborn 2250. An outline of this course and the class requirements for those who enroll will be found in the issue of December 27.

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Six Courses on Various Subjects Will Be Given in January by Society Study Club

Four Regular Eight-Session Courses Will Be Given in Addition to Two Special Classes on Denture Work

Six new courses will start in the Study Club of the Chicago Dental Society during the last two weeks of January, according to the announcement of Dr. George W. Hax, chairman of the Study Club Commission. Of the six classes, four will be regular eight-session courses given over a period of weeks. The other two classes will be of the special, intensive type developed by the Study Club Commission this year.

SIMONSON

On the day following the January Monthly Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society the essayist at the meeting, Dr. Alfred W. Simonson, of Minneapolis, will conduct a one-day course in immediate denture construction. This course will continue from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 22 and tuition will be \$10. The Study Club course will complement the illustrated paper which Dr. Simonson will present at the Monthly Meeting. The entire technic of the immediate denture from impression taking to surgery and denture insertion will be demonstrated.

On January 18-19 a special two-day intensive course in full denture construction will be given with Dr. John B. LaDue as instructor. Classes will be held on each day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuition for the course is \$20. Dr. LaDue will present his methods on diagnosis, impression taking, registration of centric relations, selection and setting of teeth, and investment, packing and curing.

INLAY TECHNIC

On January 24 Dr. David W. Phillips will start an eight-session class in precise gold inlay technic. The classes will be held on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. with tuition

for the course set at \$20. Dr. Phillips will demonstrate the technic he has developed for immediate gold inlays and for the mechanical fixation of dental castings.

The remaining three courses will have their first sessions on January 29 at the Study Club Quarters. Tuition for each of these eight-session courses is \$20.

Dr. Willis J. Bray will be the instructor of a class in fixed bridge construction. Classes will be held Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Short lectures will be given on retainers, instrumentation and alignment, models, casting, finishing, soldering and the adaptation and baking of facings.

A class in gold inlay technic will be presented by Dr. Clarence H. Burr on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., with the first class on January 29. Dr. Burr will discuss cavity preparation, pulp preservations, casting materials, impression methods, investment and casting technics, setting and finishing.

PYORRHEA TREATMENT

Dr. Balint Orban will present an eightsession course in pyorrhea treatment on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with the first class on January 29. Tuition is \$20. Dr. Orban will discuss the histopathology of the supporting structures of the teeth, the peridental membrane, methods of diagnosis and the treatment of cases. The last session of the course will be given in the office of the instructor.

ENROLLMENT

Application for enrollment should be made at once to the Study Club, Dearborn 2250, Room 1420, 30 North Michigan Avenue. Enrollments are still available for all classes.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACTERIOLOGISTS MEET ON JANUARY 31

The Society of Illinois Bacteriologists will hold its Winter Meeting on Friday, January 31, at the Board of Trade Building, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. Members of the Chicago Dental Society who are interested in bacteriology have been invited to attend. Speakers will be Drs. H. W. Cromwell of Abbott Laboratories, Carl A. Dragstedt of Northwestern University, J. C. Garey, of the University of Illinois and Wayne W. Fox, of Northwestern University.

Reservations for dinner should be made with Dr. H. Close Heseltine, 5848 Drexel Avenue, Chicago.

NEW MATERIAL FROM A.D.A. BUREAU

The Bureau of Public Relations of the American Dental Association has announced a new 44-page booklet illustrated with 60 pictures and dealing entirely with the child's dental problem. The title of the booklet is "Your Child's Teeth" and is priced at ten cents a copy.

The Bureau also announced that it now has available a 22-minute 16 m.m. sound film on "Dentistry as a Career." This is available to vocational guidance instructors and others for a charge of two dollars per day plus express charges.

DEFENSE QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE RETURNED

More dental preparedness questionnaires must be returned if these is to be sufficient data for the publication of a dental directory according to information received from the American Dental Association through Dr. L. H. Jacob, Secretary of the Illinois State Dental Society. Only a fifty per cent return has been made to date by the dentists of Illinois.

"This return," Dr. Jacob stated, "is not sufficient to provide adequate statistics and surely not sufficient to warrant the publication of a dental directory. This directory, we feel, is of the utmost importance to our membership. Therefore, we are requesting every member to cooperate in this task of getting a complete and authentic list."

Questionnaires may be obtained from Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Secretary of the Dental Preparedness Committee, American Dental Association, 212 East Superior Street, Chicago.

FINAL RETURNS ASKED ON CHRISTMAS SEALS

Final returns on Christmas seals should be made at once, according to Dr. A. Florence Lilley, so that the Society's contribution to the Relief Fund of the American Dental Association can be tabulated and the names of the donors published.

Checks should be sent to The Relief Fund, American Dental Association, 212 East Superior Street, Chicago. An early issue of THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW will publish the names of the contributors.

TWO-DAY NAVAL COURSE FOLLOWS MIDWINTER MEETING

A two-day instruction course for all naval reserve officers of the Ninth Naval District will be held immediately after the Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society, according to E. A. Wolleson, Chief of Staff. The course will be held on February 21-22 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Naval reserve officers who attend these courses of instruction will be given credit on their records for the performance of active duty for the number of days spent in attendance, Commander

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Joseph A. Tartre, (DC), is designated as liaison officer to whom officers attending the meeting shall report for endorsement of their orders. Attendance in uniform is optional but it is hoped that a majority of officers attending the course will be in uniform.

G. WALTER DITTMAR TO BE HONORED ON FEBRUARY 15

Dr. G. Walter Dittmar will be honored for his service to dental education and the dental profession at a dinner to be given on Saturday, February 15, at the Lake Shore Club of Chicago. A reception for Dr. Dittmar at 7:00 p.m. is also planned by the staff of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. Reservations can be made through Dr. John F. Kellogg, 808 South Wood Street, Chicago.

DENTAL EDUCATION CONGRESS TO MEET

The Congress on Dental Education and Licensure will be held under the auspices of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association on Saturday, February 15, at the Stevens Hotel. Reservations for the luncheon in the South Ball Room may be made with Dr. Harlan H. Horner, Secretary of the Council, 212 East Superior Street, Chicago.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO REVIEW AVAILABLE AT \$2.50

Subscriptions to the Fortnightly review of the Chicago dental society are available at \$2.50 per year. The magazine, of course, is sent to all members of the Society who have paid their dues without additional charge. Out of town dentists have frequently shown an interest in the official publication of the Society and to them a yearly subscrip-

tion is available at \$2.50 for twenty-four issues.

1941 SOCIETY DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

Notices have been sent to all members reminding them that dues for 1941 are now payable. Checks for \$15.00, which includes the \$2.00 increase voted at the Cleveland meeting of the American Dental Association, should be sent to the Chicago Dental Society, 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 17

The Past Presidents will hold their annual get-together luncheon at the Midwinter Meeting on Monday, February 17, at 12:30 p.m. in Private Dining Room No. 4. The toastmaster will be the immediate past president, Harold W. Welch.

CHICAGO DENTAL ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Chicago Dental Assistants' Association will hold its 18th Annual Birthday Party on Thursday, January 16, at the Electric Club located in the Civic Opera Building. A delicious turkey dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$1.25 per plate. This will be "Employers' Night" and members are urged to bring along their "bosses." Judge Jacob Braude, well-known civic leader in Chicago, will be the speaker of the evening.

On Monday, January 20, a tour of Northwestern University Dental School and Museum will be conducted by Dr. Robert Schumaker, a member of the teaching staff. If you desire to attend, you are requested to meet in the lobby, at 311 East Chicago Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.—Dolores Kuffer, Publicity Chairman,

The January Monthly Meeting

On next Tuesday night, January 21, the regular Monthly Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society will be held with an interesting program of lecture, motion picture and clinics. The essayist will be Dr. Alfred W. Simonson, of Minneapolis, and his topic IMMEDIATE DENTURES. The scientific session will be held in the lower level of the Boulevard Room.

Juesday, January 21

There will also be a program of clinics by members of the Society on related topics of denture construction. These will be shown at 9:30 p.m. in the upper level of the Boulevard Room after the lecture by the guest essayist. Dr. Simonson will also give a clinic in which he will demonstrate the technics discussed in his lecture.

Boulevard Room The Stevens Hotel

The dinner meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dean Gordon Laing, of the University of Chicago. Dinner will be served in the upper level of the Boulevard Room at \$1.50 per plate.

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WHEN the "Standing Room Only" sign is hanging on the box office it's no time to think about making reservations. The time to do that is on the same morning the early bird is out searching for what is proverbially and biologically known as a worm.

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If you are interested in attending the Ladies' Luncheon, the Dinner Dance or the Annual Frolics get your reservations made before the meeting. The procedure is simplicity itself. Consult your preliminary program (or the story in this issue) to find out how much tickets cost. Then make out a check for the same amount and send it

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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

ENGLEWOOD

Your correspondent recalls how in his early school days he would often hesitate and ponder before making the first inscription on the first line of the first page of a newly acquired composition book. Emotionally he approaches with almost the same diffidence the writing of this first contribution to this new magazine, THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW. The physical aspect of this journal has, like a beautiful opera setting, brought forth a spontaneous outburst of applause. We also feel certain that its able editor, Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, will employ every effort to make its literary content as exemplary of that fine quality of journalism serving the needs of our profession . . . In looking over the Preliminary Program of the Midwinter Meeting it is gratifying to find so many clinicians and essayists of note scheduled to appear. The fact that the "Limited Attendance Clinics" program embodies a great deal of the material to be presented will make the attendance of this meeting a pleasure rather than a neck-craning proposition . . . Englewood is represented with the scheduled appearance of: John Hospers, Lester Kalk, Vincent Milas and Thomas Starshak in a group clinic on "Root Canal Therapy"; B. L. Herzberg, "Orthodontic Patients in Various Stages of Treatment"; J. M. Hirsch, "A New Approach in the Problem of Occlusion in Full Denture Construction"; Jerome L. Wilher, "Fournet-Tuller Impression Technic for Full Dentures." . . . We are in receipt of a card from Leon Stern which makes us doubly envious. He is not only vacationing in Florida but also motored out there in a new Buick . . . Ray Anderson just returned from Florida . . . Willis Bray and Bill Phillips are making a final hunting trip to Springfield to hunt for rabbits. To loosen up the stiff dentists' legs, Bray walks to and from his office . . . We hear that Rodney Marks received a Gold Ribbon prize for some drawings he made. We are not at all surprised. The exactness required of an orthodontist trains the hand and the eye for the execution of detail, the prerequisite for fine drawing . . . Edwin W. Fox is visiting his sister in Kansas City... Our president, Charles Coffey, is very proud of his shiny new car . . . Edwin Tharp, though a very young man, has already gained the distinction of serving as secretary of the Kiwanis Club in Roseland. "Like father, like son." Horace Tharp, his father, is one of its past presidents . . . Englewood is about to relinguish its claim upon two of its beloved sons to the United States Army. Gordon Pollack and John Manning commissioned as Lieutenants are leaving for service about the end of this month. Your scribe will miss their assistance as associate correspondents. We all wish them well and shall await their return upon completion of their service which will be with distinction and honor, of that we are sure.-Louis P. Horevitz, Branch Correspondent.

KENWOOD-HYDE PARK

A note from the cuff indicates that another biographical sketch is due. The records of the Steuben County courthouse indicate that a gentleman whose middle name is Link was born in Angola, Indiana, in the drouth year of 1904. Our vice-president's father has been a very prominent Angola merchant for almost half a century. Such a diversified business included the making of sausages, and Otto's dad and mother decided to hang an appropriate middle monicker on their first-born pride and joy. "Link" would seem to be symbolic of one of the branches of the industry. Otto decided that pitchin' that new mown hay was too tough on the constitution, and bein' as how he was good at fixin', mechanics, etc., the fair-haired lad decided to study

dentistry. So he scraped the farm dirt from off'n his shoes and hied his way to Chicago. Otto graduated from the Northwestern University Dental School in 1923, and his shingle has been hanging at 71st Street and Jeffrey Avenue ever since. Otto is one of the most prominent live wires in Kenwood, and he believes in a king's choice. Otto and the charming Mrs. Mast, their daughter, Noel, and their son, Dick, reside at 68th Street and Cregier Avenue. Otto would rather fish than eat, and every week-end you will find him put-putting around Jimmerson Lake down in Indiana. It is too bad that the immortal Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, did not have a chance to meet Otto, the Angola Kid. He would have found Otto interesting enough, and a fit subject for a poem, a sonnet, a jingle, or a rhyme about "Just Fishin'." Yes, sir! Our vice-president is a genuine good fellow! . . . Many dentists work too hard, and confine themselves to the four walls of their offices. As a result in later years various ailments develop. One of the most common in evidence today is a heart condition. Our program committee has been fortunate in securing a speaker of national reputation for our next meeting. Dr. N. C. Gilbert, professor of Internal Medicine at Northwestern University, will speak on the physiology and pathology of the heart. If you are interested in keeping yourself in good condition it would be advisable to attend this meeting and check up on that very vital organ that maintains your daily existence. Don't forget that our next meeting will be held on February 4 at the Del Prado Hotel. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and we would advise that you call Herbert Dangremond, and tell him that you will be attending dinner.-Howard E. Strange, Branch Correspondent.

NORTH SIDE

With this, the first appearance of this column in the fortnightly review we feel like repeating the New Year's greetings we expressed in the last issue of the

BULLETIN. So ring out the old and ring in the new and let's go to press . . . There are only two more days now to make reservations for our annual dinner dance at the Edgwater Beach Hotel, to be held on Saturday, January 18. If you haven't already done so, call Paul Edmand or Sid Pollack right away and let them know that you will be on hand for an excellent dinner and a swell time. If you don't care to dance, the floor show alone promises to be worth the price of admission and if you do, we can promise you peppy music . . . I. A. Kelley reported excellent driving weather over the Christmas holidays while he and Mrs. Kelley visited their daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren at Titusville, Pennsylvania. They encountered a little fog in eastern Ohio . . . W. H. DeWolf was host to the dental officers and their wives from Camp Barry, Great Lakes, at his winter home in Woodstock, Sunday. Among the guests were C. Lachmann, W. Goldring and A. Gilbert . . . Mel and Ann Zinser were married at ten minutes past ten on New Year's Day about twenty years ago, more or less. Anyhow in order to celebrate this year they invited some of the boys and their wives for an anniversary breakfast at ten ten. Sid Pollack, Harold Hillenbrand and Bill Schoen had their first cup of coffee of the year there . . . Bob Kent or Harry Glass must have received a stocking full of floating golfballs for Christmas. At least they celebrated the holiday by playing eighteen holes of golf on the Mission Hill course. And they say they had fun . . . Harry Denen was reported on the sick list a couple of days early this month . . . This is news-Fred Huscher visited Joe Ambrose at the latter's office two weeks ago . . . Lieutenants Clarence Lachmann and E. W. Schuessler, (Englewood Branch) of the U. S. Naval Reserve, reported for active duty early this month at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.—Arthur A. Gilbert, Branch Correspondent.

NORTHWEST SIDE

With the space of a whole month to

cover from the news angle, there will be little need for the verbiage that will usually go to make up a column of this type. News is plentiful and varied, ranging from a wedding to a hold-up, to a reminder that now is the time to do your shopping for your Midwinter Meeting tickets . . . E. M. Buchner must be a rare dentist for this time of the year, or else his visitor must have disremembered the time of the year. On December 21, only four days before Christmas, a nicely dressed young man walked into Buchner's office with a gun as an introduction and demanded money. Imagine a dentist with anything like that with Christmas only four days away! However, we are glad to report that there was no damage, financial or physical . . . Comes to hand a call from J. A. Smith's assistant informing us that the boss had decided the holidays were a good time for a wedding and honeymoon. least he won't have much trouble remembering anniversaries . . . Frank Cooney and his wife are enjoying our latest cold wave from a bird's-eye view in Florida . . . Larry and Mrs. Peacock went west, Omaha, for the holidays . . . Last Friday marked the annual home talent clinic night for the branch. With the usual crowd for dinner, two by reservation, things went along well. Ten table clinics were the reward for those who attended, a good job of diversification of subjects being well handled by the program chairman. The lack of the usual amount of notice may have held down the attendance, but as is the usual story, those who want to go to meetings usually seem to know when the meeting is going to be held . . . Fred Nannestead has gone south for a rest to prepare himself for the arduous duties that go with being chairman of the Information Committee for the Midwinter Meeting . . . Gus Tilley asks us to advise those members whose wives attend the annual luncheon, that the day has been moved forward to noon Monday, February 17. Tickets are now available at the Central Office . . . Joe Ulis is sporting a new Nash . . . The Square Table has resumed activity again after the holidays. The first meeting presented a demonstration on the handling of a hydro-colloid for an impression . . . Your dues are payable any time now. If you will take care of this matter before the Midwinter Meeting, you will benefit by avoiding that long wait in line on opening day.—Ben Davidson, Branch Correspondent.

WEST SIDE

With the second issue of THE FORT-NIGHTLY REVIEW the column makes its first appearance in its new home. We hope that you will enjoy the new magazine . . . With the sweeping changes that ushered in 1941 the West Side Dental Forum was not to be outdone. So, the Forum has moved to new quarters. The meeting place now is Solick's Restaurant, 4207 West Madison Street. This change has been for the better, both in food and in the service. The room is a little small, but will accommodate about twenty. At the first meeting on January 7, the officers of the Forum had to hang out the S.R.O. sign. If you wish to get in, be sure to be at Solick's at noon sharp on Tuesdays. Your reservation is your presence at the luncheon table. In order to facilitate the serving of the meals S. D. Kretshmer was appointed chairman, and his duty will be to arrange the whole menu each Tuesday. W. R. Gubbins, program chairman, has secured the sound slide picture on the Neil Upper Impression Technic for January 21. Samuel Kleiman, chairman of the Forum, and J. J. Guerrero, treasurer, both believe that the Forum has found an ideal solution to its problem—good food, quick service, and adjournment at 1:30 p.m. sharp . . . On January 14 Dr. Rudolph Schlosser, head of the Prosthetic Department at Northwestern University Dental School came to the West Side Branch as speaker of the evening for its monthly meeting. As the deadline was before the meeting a report will appear in the issue . . . As inevitable as the New Year, the New Year's resolutions, and taxes that come in the month of January is

the list of members of the West Side who will make up this year's nominating committee for the annual election of officers for the West Side Branch. The chairman of the committee is Samuel Rakow and the Committee members are J. J. Guerrero, Carl Madda, D. W. McEwen, and Henry Lee . . . These men will make up the slate to be voted on by the membership . . . T. M. Burns, who recently was operated on twice, was home for the holidays. But he has to report back to the hospital for more medical attention . . . E. F. Lane is back at the office once more after an illness of a few months. Take things easy for a while, Ed . . . Sidney Sherman and Samuel Kretshmer went East for the holidays. Sidney tried out New York's famous subways and is now recovering from the bruises he received riding during the rush hours while Samuel Kretshmer is still trying to catch his breath from his wild ride down the new 160 mile turnpike. Back to the "good old days," it is a toll road . . . There will be no meeting for the West Side Branch in February because of the Midwinter Meeting to be held at the Stevens. In March the West Side will hold its annual "Clinic Night." Harry Rubens is in charge of this meeting. But more about this at a later date.-Gerard J. Casey, Branch Correspondent.

WEST SUBURBAN

As we sit at our desk and begin the task of contributing a few lines to the news of Volume 1 Number 2 of THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW, we cannot help wondering if those who edited Volume Number 1 of the BULLETIN had as many problems to solve as the members of our society in 1941. As we review only a part of the last 20 years we can say "Well done thou good and faithful servant." However, no one man or group of men could have made the Chicago Dental Society. The ever-increasing needs and demands of the Society should inspire every member to take an active part in its affairs . . . One of our members who has taken an active part in our society for almost two decades is Felix Tittle. We regret that there was not a much larger attendance at our weekly meeting of the Round Table last Tuesday to hear his inspiring address on the state of the Public Relations Committee of the Chicago Dental Society. Dr. Tittle outlined the work of this committee and the data which he brought with him would remind one of the portfolio of our ambassador on his return from England. Space does not permit us to outline in detail the results of the efforts of this all-important committee. To meet the increasing demands of modern society it has been deemed advisable to secure the services of a well qualified full time professional man to serve as Secretary to this committee. If you could have heard Dr. Tittle's remarks I'm sure you would have been as convinced as we were. If you believe this sort of a program would be beneficial to the society, the public and, possibly, yourself, why not write, not to your congressman, but to the directors who after all are your representatives elected by you . . . Earl Crawshaw and C. S. and Mrs. Suddarth have been sunning themselves in Florida . . . R. A. Anderson and L. J. Braun could not think of going that far but took their vacational exercises by pacing the floor of the fathers' room in the local hospital. They both announced the arrival of baby daughters for the New Year . . . We have no official reports from the Gresens family as yet but the last report was that Gress is buying a new home . . . Win Scott still longs for his old home in Texas and after playing golf in the warm sunshine down where the longhorned cattle grow, Win is wondering why he ever left. Speaking of homes, Joe Voita has completed repairs on the Stoker and now he doesn't have to serve his guests with Sterno . . . Lyle Filek has been appointed as the dentist for the Cicero Welfare Center for one year . . . A. F. Mayer is moving to River Forest and L. Shelley is also on the move . . . B. T. Meehan is reported on our sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery . . .

Jimmy Kohout has invited the boys to visit the state penitentiary; he said he has been there twice before but does not say how long he stayed.—Foster G. Robeson, Branch Correspondent.

SOUTH SUBURBAN

Because of the big Midwinter Meeting, South Suburban Branch is dispensing with its February meeting. Therefore, the next regular monthly meeting will not be until the first Tuesday in March . . . Dr. Arne F. Romnes gave a very interesting and informal lecture on "Amalgam," illustrating his subject with slides and motion pictures. Many salient points were brought out regarding this popular restoration . . . A. W. Brookstra and E. E. Carlson are enjoying a few weeks' vacation, basking in the Florida sunshine . . . Silvio Tiberi is back attending the meetings after his honeymoon down East . . . Pete Iagmin gave up his coast trip so that he might get in trim for the coming ski tournament . .. Congratulations to the Chicago Heights men for having launched their publicity program via the Dental Health column. The rest of us hope to get started by the time the next meeting rolls around . . . Clarence Simon was not on hand for our last meeting, because he was being installed as Vice-President in the Kiwanis. -Daniel C. Altier, Branch Correspondent.

NORTH SUBURBAN

Paul Wilcox is the latest victim of the predatory flu bug. He is confined at the Evanston Hospital for the duration of the emergency. Strangely enough the thing that gripes him the most is not that he can't carry on at the office but that he can't bowl . . . Bill Rusch has promised to furnish one of the programs at the weekly luncheon of the Evanston Association of Dentists in the near future. He can scarcely do justice to his "Tibbetian" baritone within the narrow confines of the Pompeian Room. Maybe the Association could be persuaded to hire a hall . . . Hal Chason's father, a dentist in Montgomery, Alabama, has been visiting his illustrious offspring in the fair city of Evanston. As far as is known he is the only out-of-town visitor that hasn't offered a solution of the Fountain Square puzzle . . . Thirty members of the Lake County Dental Society gathered at the open house in Highland Park on Monday evening, January 6, to hear Stanley Clark, Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics at Northwestern, dissertate on the rational uses of drugs in dentistry. Dr. Clark was in rare form and his audience had never a dull moment. His treatment of drysocket is so simple that it has to be tried to be believed. All it consists of is straight phenol, used judiciously, of course, followed by 70 per cent alcohol. That much-abused drug, phenacetin, combined with a half grain of codeine will make a friend of the otherwise vitriolic patient. A discussion of the report of the special committee appointed to set up a plan for the care of patients at the Tuberculosis Sanitarium nearly disrupted the meeting. When all was said and done it seemed that the work was being taken care of adequately by volunteers (God bless 'em). There were thirteen dentists to take care of fifteen patients. What more could a body ask? -James H. Keith, Branch Correspondent.

Complete Freedom from Dental Caries.—
In an endeavor to trace some of the grosser causal factors of dental caries, Miller and Crombie examined twenty-five children from 10 to 14 years of age with caries-free mouths and no history of caries in the permanent dentition and compared them with an equal number of children showing gross caries but similar in other respects. They found that certain factors which were apparently associated with

freedom from dental caries were the following: (1) good family dental history (not apparently of such significance as good general hygiene and diet), (2) careful infant feeding, especially breast feeding, and, (3) probably above all, absence of severe illness and an early incidence of infectious fever. *Lancet* (London.) 113:131 (July 15) 1939 Via J.A.M.A., 113:1366 (Sept. 30) 1939.

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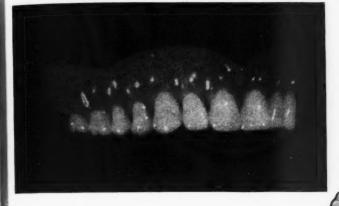
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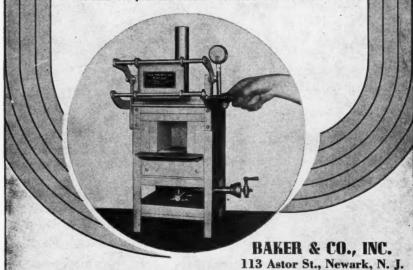
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